

OPINION 1482

Heteroclonium bicolor Cope, 1896 (currently *Bachia bicolor*; Reptilia, Squamata): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the name *diglossis* Saenz, 1869, as published in the binomen *Chirotos diglossis*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *bicolor* Cope, 1896, as published in the binomen *Heteroclonium bicolor*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *diglossis* Saenz, 1869, as published in the binomen *Chirotos diglossis* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2424

An application for the conservation of *Heteroclonium* (now *Bachia*) *bicolor* Cope, 1896 was received from Dr Stephen C. Ayala (*Petaluma, California, U.S.A.*) on 27 September 1982. After correspondence and delays the case was published in BZN 43: 160–162 (July 1986). Notice of the case was given to ten general and five herpetological journals. A comment in support was received from Prof. Carl Gans (*University of Michigan, U.S.A.*)

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1987 the members of the Commission were invited to vote for or against the proposals set out on BZN 43: 161. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1987 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 21: Alvarado, Bayer, Bernardi, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Gruchy, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Savage, Schuster, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Dupuis.

Ride was on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Halvorsen and Starobogatov. Dupuis voted against the suppression of *diglossis* Saenz, 1869 because a detailed description of the species was given; however, he was not opposed to *bicolor* Cope, 1896 having precedence when it and *diglossis* were considered synonyms.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:
bicolor, *Heteroclonium*, Cope, 1896, *Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia*, 1896: 461.
diglossis, *Chirotos*, Saenz, 1869, *Anales de la Universidad Nacional de Estados Unidos de Colombia*, 1869: 73.